

Testimony for Public Hearing
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Co-Chairs Winfield and Stafstrom, Ranking Members Kissel and Fishbein, and distinguished fellow members of the Judiciary Committee:

As a resident of Connecticut, I urge the Committee to please consider my positions as follows:

OPPOSE: S.B. No. 16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME

While I believe Connecticut has a significant juvenile crime problem, I don't think this will do anything to prevent violence or juvenile crime. This bill aims to make legally purchased firearms illegal for peaceable Citizens who are not inclined to commit violent crimes. Most of these firearms are not even the type commonly used in crimes.

Furthermore, in a study performed by an FBI team of researchers, criminal investigative instructor and member of the Bureau's Behavioral Science Unit, Edward Davis came to a very telling conclusion: **"In a presentation and discussion for the International Assn. of Chiefs of Police, [he] noted that none of the attackers interviewed was 'hindered by any law—federal, state or local—that has ever been established to prevent gun ownership. They just laughed at gun laws.'"**¹ Mentally ill mass-murderers and other criminals will be emboldened by the newly proposed gun laws since they know their intended victims will be less likely to be properly equipped to defend themselves.

OPPOSE: Raised H.B. No. – 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

However, I ask the Committee to SUPPORT the following bills:

SUPPORT: Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

SUPPORT: Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

SUPPORT: Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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1 Force Science Research Center., "Force Science News #62: New Findings from FBI About Cop Attackers & Their Weapons", Dec. 28, 2006, <http://www.forcescience.org/fsinews/2006/12/new-findings-from-fbi-about-cop-attackers-their-weapons> (accessed March 12, 2022)